

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The casing 50 is of the claim-shell type, consisting of two half-shells which are broadly mirror images of each other and fit together by pin and socket elements around their meeting edges. The drawing shows the lighting rod with the front half-shell removed so that the rear half-shell 51 is visible. This casing holds the other components in place. In particular, it holds the gas ~~bottle~~container 40 at the right-hand end and the nozzle assembly 45 at the left-hand end.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 2 shows a modification of this arrangement; the same reference numerals are used for corresponding parts, with added "A"s where the parts have significantly different forms. A common type of piezo-electric mechanism 13-14 has a pair of projections 18 on one of the elements 13-14. In the Fig. 2 arrangement, a piezo-electric mechanism of this form is used, with the projections 18 being oriented as shown. The lock-release arm 26A of the safety member 25A is arranged to engage with these projections 18 on the control rod ~~42~~13 as shown. The safety member 25A has a bore 28A through which a pivot shaft 55A passes, the pivot shaft 55A being formed as part of the casing 50. The safety member 25A is similar to the safety member 25 of Fig. 1 except for the changes to its pivoting and its lock release arm portion.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 3 shows a further modification of the Fig. 1 arrangement, again with the same reference numerals and with added "B"s where the parts have significantly different forms. In

this arrangement, the safety member is a lever 31. This lever has a right-hand arm which is cranked to have an upward extension ~~26~~26B which engages with the bore 17 and step 16 of the operating member 10 as before. The lever 31 is pivoted at 32, and its left-hand arm extends horizontally beyond this pivot as shown. This ~~safety member~~lever 31 is separate from the control or safety button 25B, which has an extension at its left-hand end which engages with the left-hand end of the left-hand horizontal arm of the safety member.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~The spring 15B which engages with the control button 10 engages at its other end with a stop 52B on the casing 50. However, the spring 29B operates between the safety button 25B and the right-hand part of the safety member 31.~~In more detail, the spring 15B which engages with the control button 10 is identical with spring 15 of Fig. 1. This spring 15B engages at its other end with a stop 52B on the casing 50, this stop is identical to the upper portion of the stop 52 in Fig. 1. A second spring 29B is positioned between the safety button 25B and the right-hand part of the safety member 31, urging the safety member anticlockwise and the safety button 25B clockwise. The safety button 25B comprises a lock/release arm 26B and a control arm 27B, and includes a pivot aperture 55B which is pivoted on a pivot 28B formed as part of the casing 50.